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This book uses a question and answer format to provide students with practical advice on getting into college and succeeding there. Chapter 1 addresses planning for college and covers test scores, grades, test taking pointers, financial aid, and test preparation centers. Chapter 2 offers suggestions for finding the right kind of college and considers the advantages of various institutional characteristics, college fairs, home study, the marks of a "good" college, college materials, early admissions and the decision process. This chapter contains a college planning timetable. Chapter 3 gives guidance on completing admissions applications and essays. In addition, it also covers financial needs, application fees, explaining low test scores, how essays are evaluated, and recommendation letters. Chapter 4 discusses the campus visit and admission interview including what to expect and how to get the most out of the campus visit. Chapter 5 considers how to cope with rejection from a college. Chapter 6 suggests ways to prepare for college life after acceptance including freshman orientation, homesickness, and other aspects of the initial college experience. Chapter 7 tackles actual college learning and instruction including course selection, college study, cheating, supplies, taking notes and other pointers. Chapter 8 explores issues of dormitory life. Chapter 9 examines other concerns to keep in mind as the student plans to complete college and move into the workplace. (Contains 44 references.) (JB)

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